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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL
AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR NOVEMBER 1982

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY FOR NOVEMBER 1982. THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AS WELL AS OF THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS. AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, BUT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

FOR ALL MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED TAKEN TOGETHER, EMPLOYMENT DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER 1982 AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. EMPLOYMENT DECLINED IN THE PLASTICS, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES OWING TO LABOUR TURNOVER AND THE RETRENCHMENT OF WORKERS BY SEVERAL FACTORIES SURVEYED.

TAKING ALL OF THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED AS A WHOLE, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE SLIGHTLY WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, WEARING APPAREL, AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AS BONUSES WERE PAID BY A FEW FACTORIES SURVEYED, AND AS SEVERANCE PAY WAS AWARDED TO THE WORKERS LAID OFF BY A FEW OTHER FACTORIES.

EMPLOYMENT DECLINED IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR FOLLOWING THE RETRENCHMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY SEVERAL COMPANIES SURVEYED DUE TO FEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT HAND. PER CAPITA EARNINGS, ON THE OTHER HAND, INCREASED ON ACCOUNT OF THE SEVERANCE PAY AWARDED TO WORKERS LAID OFF.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DROPPED IN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE SERVICES SECTOR FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF BONUSES AND GRATUITIES BY A FEW COMPANIES SURVEYED IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) AS REPORTED BY THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED FOR NOVEMBER 1982 DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. LESS ORDERS WERE RECORDED FOR THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES, WHILE MORE ORDERS WERE RECORDED FOR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1982 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR NOV 1982
	(PERCENTAGE CHANGE PRECEDING MONTH)			OVER THE			
	SEP 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1982	SEP 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1982	(HK\$)
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	-3	-1	-1	2	*	2	2 261
FOOD AND DRINKS	2	-3	-2	-2	-4	2	3 029
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	*	*	-2	2	5	1 995
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	1	*	-1	3	-1	2 086
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-9	*	-3	6	-8	-1	1 804
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-5	-2	-1	24	-17	6	2 116
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-5	-3	-3	3	3	5	2 257
OTHERS	-1	-1	-1	1	*	-1	2 987
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u> * *	*	*	-4	1	*	6	3 589
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	6	-4	-3	3 894
BANKS	*	*	*	-3	*	*	3 582
HOTELS	-1	*	-1	1	*	2	2 476
PUBLIC UTILITIES	1	1	*	17	-10	-5	3 851
OTHERS	1	*	*	-3	2	-3	5 542

/B. ORDERS-ON-HAND

B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR NOV 1982
	SEP 1982	OCT 1982	NOV 1982	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	3	*	*	4.60
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-3	-3	9	2.28
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-10	-7	2.68
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	5	-7	-16	1.90
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-5	-3	*	4.34
OTHERS	-1	1	-1	3.40
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	-1	-2	-1	3.70
* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5%				

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT COMPULSORY INSURANCE

THE COMPULSORY INSURANCE PROVISION WILL APPLY TO ALL EMPLOYERS IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR BUSINESS, EVEN TO EMPLOYERS OF COOKED FOOD STALL EMPLOYEES, HOUSEHOLD MAIDS, GARDENERS AND CHAUFFEURS, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MR HOUDINI HO HON-TANG EXPLAINED TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR HO WAS SPEAKING ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982, AT A SEMINAR HELD BY THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

THE SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT ENABLING MANAGERS AND OTHER MANAGEMENT STAFF TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION LAW, AND OF HOW IT WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

/MR HO

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT PROVISIONS FOR COMPULSORY INSURANCE AND OTHER IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK, ARE CONTAINED IN THE AMENDING ORDINANCE PASSED INTO LAW LAST MONTH.

ALL THE PROVISIONS IN THE ORDINANCE, EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISION CONCERNING COMPULSORY INSURANCE, WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION ABOUT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE AMENDING ORDINANCE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE. THE PROVISION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO FORCE ABOUT ANOTHER SIX MONTHS LATER.

MR HO REITERATED THAT THE AMENDING ORDINANCE REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO BE INSURED IN RESPECT OF ALL HIS EMPLOYEES FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITY FOR BOTH COMPENSATION AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

A PERSON WHO EMPLOYS ANYONE WITHOUT AN INSURANCE POLICY IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50 000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

MR HO THEN EXPLAINED OTHER PROVISIONS WHICH AN EMPLOYER MUST COMPLY WITH.

AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES INJURED WHILE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THEIR WORKPLACES BY TRANSPORT PROVIDED OR ARRANGED BY HIM.

HE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PROSTHESES OR SURGICAL APPLIANCES WHEN SUCH ITEMS ARE REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER INJURIES HAVE RESULTED IN ANY PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY. A TYPICAL CASE IN THIS SITUATION IS AN EMPLOYEE WHO BREAKS HIS TOOTH IN AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

AN EMPLOYER IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 IF HE FAILS TO PAY THE INJURED EMPLOYEE WAGES, WHICH AMOUNT TO TWO-THIRDS OF NORMAL WAGES, FOR SICK LEAVE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR ASSESSMENT OR VISIT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN AGREEMENT ON COMPENSATION, HE SHOULD BE GIVEN LEAVE WITH PAY.

ANOTHER PROVISION, MR HO ADDED, IMPROVES THE PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT BY AGREEMENT BY IMPOSING MORE SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS ON THE EMPLOYER AND BY IMPROVING THE PROCESS OF MAKING AN AGREEMENT AND ITS ENFORCEABILITY.

FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE RELEVANT DATE NOTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, AND TO SUBMIT AN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER IT IS CONCLUDED WITH THE EMPLOYEE.

WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER, AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT TERMINATE, OR GIVE NOTICE TO TERMINATE, THE CONTRACT OF SERVICE OF AN EMPLOYEE BEFORE HE RECOVERS FROM INJURIES RECEIVED DURING AN ACCIDENT ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT.

METRIC 10 DAYS BEGIN
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THE METRICATION COMMITTEE TODAY (FRIDAY) STARTED ITS BIGGEST EVER PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN ENTITLED +METRIC 10 DAYS+ AT WORLD WIDE PLAZA.

RUNNING FROM JANUARY 14 TO 23, THE \$500 000 PROJECT REPRESENTS A MAJOR EFFORT BY THE COMMITTEE TO GET THE PUBLIC TO GO METRIC WITHOUT RESORTING TO LEGISLATION.

+THE METRIC 10 DAYS CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF FAMILIARISING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WITH THE MORE COMMONLY USED METRIC UNITS IN EVERYDAY LIFE,+ SAID MR JAMES WU, THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

+WE ALSO WANT TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PUBLIC THE BENEFITS, THE SIMPLICITY, THE EASE AND THE LOGIC OF CONVERTING TO THE METRIC SYSTEM, WHICH HAS BEEN OR IS BEING ADOPTED BY OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

MR WU SAID THAT THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH A SERIES OF ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS TO BE HELD AT SELECTED VENUES ALL OVER HONG KONG. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GET SOME 200 000 PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE USE OF METRIC UNITS.

SPECIALLY ORGANISED EVENTS INCLUDE STREET THEATRE SHOWS, GAMES DAYS, POSTER DESIGN AND LYRIC WRITING COMPETITIONS, NEWSPAPER AND RADIO QUIZZES, A SEMINAR, A TELEVISED SONG CONTEST, A 10-KILOMETRE RACE, A \$200 000 TV VARIETY SHOW AND SPECIAL DISPLAYS AT 18 PUBLIC MARKETS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A BIG ATTRACTION OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THE GIGANTIC REPLICA OF A SOFT DRINK CAN INFLATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF NEW WORLD CENTRE, WHERE PASSERS-BY ARE INVITED TO GUESS THE REPLICA'S HEIGHT AND VOLUME IN METRIC UNITS, USING PARTICIPATION FORMS DISTRIBUTED AT THE SITE.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS THE RESULT OF NINE MONTHS' PREPARATION, HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS, DISTRICT BOARDS, SUPERMARKETS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM THE MEDIA.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED MR R.H. LOBO, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS OPHELIA CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRIC 10 DAYS ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

THE CEREMONY INCLUDED A PRIZE PRESENTATION TO WINNERS OF THE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, THE WINNING ENTRIES OF WHICH ARE DISPLAYED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF WORLD WIDE PLAZA.

IT WAS FOLLOWED BY A METRIC QUIZ CONDUCTED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ARTISTES HAPPY CHAN AND PAU HING-HUNG, AND A TOUR OF THE POSTER COMPETITION DISPLAY BY OFFICIATING GUESTS.

MUSIC WAS PROVIDED DURING THE CEREMONY BY THE BAND OF THE BUDDHIST WONG FUNG LING COLLEGE.

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GAMES DAY TO PROMOTE METRIC SYSTEM

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS CONTRIBUTED \$30 000 TO SPONSOR A METRIC GAMES DAY TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 16) AT THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH ADJACENT TO THE LOCAL TOWN HALL.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

+THE EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS THROUGH GAMES,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT HAS BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO BRING THE METRIC MESSAGE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TO SUPPORT THE METRIC 10-DAY CAMPAIGN NOW BEING LAUNCHED,+ HE ADDED.

THE GAMES DAY WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A TELEMATCH IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL CONTEST IN FOUR COMPETITIVE EVENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL ALSO BE A CYCLING DEMONSTRATION BY MEMBERS OF A WELL-KNOWN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TEAMS OF LOCAL CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 13. APART FROM PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS, EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT METRIC GAMES DAY TO BE HELD AT THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH, ADJACENT TO THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, BETWEEN 11 AM AND 1 PM ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 16).

A 14-SEATER GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.45 AM TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM YUEN LONG.

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NEW TITLES FOR SECRETARIES

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THE NEW TITLES OF THREE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIES ANNOUNCED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RECENTLY WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 1.

FROM THAT DATE THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WILL BECOME SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES WILL BECOME SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE AND THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION WILL BECOME SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER.

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TEN BUILDINGS TO BE RESUMED FOR MTR WORK

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME TEN FIVE-STOREY BUILDINGS IN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BUILDINGS INVOLVED ARE 530-540 LOCKHART ROAD AND 493-499 HENNESSY ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION HAD ESTABLISHED THAT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES THESE BUILDINGS WOULD BE RENDERED DANGEROUS BY EXCAVATION AND TUNNELLING WORKS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY STATION AND TUNNELS.

INITIAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE EARLY POST-WAR BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO THE HENNESSY ROAD AND LOCKHART ROAD SITES CONCLUDED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

+HOWEVER, INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE EXTRACTION OF TIMBER PILES AND BOREHOLES DRILLED AFTER THE MTR CONTRACTORS OCCUPIED THE CLEARED STATION CONCOURSE SITES IN MAY LAST YEAR LED TO A RE-ASSESSMENT AND THE CONCLUSION THAT THE BUILDINGS WOULD BE MADE DANGEROUS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BY THEN, MTR CONTRACTORS WERE ALREADY ENGAGED IN WORKS CRITICAL TO THE RAILWAY PROGRAMME.

VARIOUS METHODS OF PROTECTING THE BUILDINGS HAD BEEN EXAMINED BUT REJECTED AS THEY WOULD ALL HAVE RESULTED IN UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS TO THE SCHEDULED OPENING OF THE ADMIRALTY TO CAUSEWAY BAY SECTION OF THE RAILWAY IN MID-1985, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN RAILWAY WORKS IN THE AREA ARE COMPLETED THE GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER THE SITES BACK TO THE FORMER OWNERS.

A TOTAL OF 454 PEOPLE FROM 161 FAMILIES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RESUMPTION.

OF THESE, 276 PEOPLE FROM 102 FAMILIES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING WHILE THE REST WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WHERE RESUMPTION POWERS ARE EXERCISED THE OWNERS, IN ADDITION TO STATUTORY COMPENSATION, MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CERTAIN OTHER EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES PAYABLE WHEN POST-WAR BUILDINGS ARE RESUMED.

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LANGUAGE LESSONS NOW MORE MEANINGFUL

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HONG KONG'S LANGUAGE TEACHERS ARE NOW TURNING LESSONS INTO A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE INSTEAD OF A DRY SYSTEM OF RULES AND VOCABULARY UNRELATED TO PUPILS' LIVES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY ARE LEARNING TO SHOW PUPILS HOW TO COMMUNICATE REAL IDEAS AND FEELINGS ABOUT REAL LIFE TO EACH OTHER SO AS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES MORE EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID.

MR HAYE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHERS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S NEW INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE).

HE SAID EDUCATORS HAD TO BE VERY CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPING THE YOUNGER GENERATION'S ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFICIENTLY, WHETHER IT BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH.

+AS WE ALL KNOW A YOUNG PERSON'S FUTURE OFTEN DEPENDS ON HIS PROFICIENCY IN ONE OR OTHER OR BOTH OF THESE LANGUAGES. THIS MEANS THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS IS VITAL INDEED,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE SAID FOR THIS REASON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS PLACING GREAT EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING THE TEACHING FORCE, AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHICH WAS THE RETRAINING OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE ILE'S RETRAINING COURSES, MR HAYE SAID, SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS HAD BEEN HIRED TO TAKE OVER THEIR SCHOOL DUTIES.

IN ADDITION TO ORGANISING RETRAINING COURSES, WHICH WAS THE ILE'S FIRST PRIORITY, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS WERE ALSO PLANNED IN THE FUTURE.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF ILE WAS TO DEVELOP TEACHING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES FOR AN +IDEAS-BANK+.

IN FACT, PARTICIPANTS OF THE FIRST RETRAINING COURSE HAD PRODUCED A LARGE VARIETY OF ORIGINAL AND ADAPTED TEACHING MATERIALS AND AIDS DURING THE FOUR-MONTH-LONG COURSE.

THESE MATERIALS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE ILE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TOMORROW AND ON JANUARY 17 AND 18 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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POLYTECHNIC OFFERING ANOTHER DEGREE COURSE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, GIVEN ITS APPROVAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL DEGREE COURSE TO BE STARTED AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FROM SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE TO BE OFFERED IS AN HONOURS DEGREE PROGRAMME IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING WHICH WILL LAST FOUR YEARS, INCLUDING ONE YEAR OF FULL-TIME ATTACHMENT TO INDUSTRY.

THE OTHER DEGREES TO BE OFFERED AT THE POLYTECHNIC FROM THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR ARE :

- * BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
- * BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) IN COMPUTING STUDIES
- * BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) OR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS, AND
- * BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONOURS) IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

THESE DEGREE PROPOSALS BY THE POLYTECHNIC WERE EXAMINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SATISFACTORY. THE CNAA WILL REVALIDATE THE COURSES AFTER SIX YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR DEGREE COURSES AT THE POLYTECHNIC ARE BEING CONSIDERED AND OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE AS THE POLYTECHNIC DEVELOPS A RANGE OF COURSES WITHIN ITS OVERALL CEILING OF 4 000 DEGREE-LEVEL STUDENTS.

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SHEK WU HUI DEVELOPMENT

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$66.7 MILLION SITE FORMATION CONTRACT TO LINGKING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. AS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP SHEK WU HUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE FORMATION OF A SITE FOR THE NEW SHEUNG SHUI ABATTOIR AND A LARGE SITE IN SHEK WU HUI FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A SECTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN MAN KAM TO ROAD AND THE SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED TO BECOME A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY UNDER THE CONTRACT.

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IN ADDITION, THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING SECTION OF A NEW DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, WHICH WILL REPLACE SAN FUNG AVENUE, AND A NEW ROAD GIVING ACCESS TO THE ABATTOIR.

+EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPE WORK WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT. THIS INCLUDES A LARGE AREA TO THE SOUTHWEST OF SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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+WALK FOR MILLIONS+ TRAFFIC PLAN IN KWUN TONG
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 16) FOR THE 'WALK FOR MILLIONS'.

FROM 7 AM UNTIL 11.30 AM THAT DAY, JUNK BAY ROAD FROM KAI TIN ROAD TO LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KO CHIU ROAD NEAR ITS NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

KAI TIN ROAD BETWEEN PING TIN STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND MAXICABS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC TO AND FROM LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE MAINTAINED VIA SAU MAU PING ROAD, JUNK BAY ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 15C, 15M AND 16 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD, WHILE NO. 14A WILL BE VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KO LONG ROAD.

FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM, PO LAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. THE ACCESS ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD WITH ANDERSON ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THIS PERIOD.

AND KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 4 PM.

ALL ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON KAI LIM ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL 4 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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LEASE OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ON LANTAU
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO GRANT A LEASE OF ABOUT 0.8 HECTARE OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI LONG WAN, CHI MA WAN PENINSULA, LANTAU ISLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL, PIER AND HELIPAD.

THE AREA WILL BE USED AS AN EXTENSION TO THE LANTAU COUNTRY CLUB DEVELOPMENT BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE PIER TO EMBARK AND DISEMBARK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS IN WRITING WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE (IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN HAS BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEW FEES FOR QUARANTINE OF CATS AND DOGS
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FEES FOR QUARANTINE OF DOGS AND CATS IN GOVERNMENT KENNELS HAVE BEEN REVISED AND TOOK EFFECT FROM TODAY (FRIDAY) UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS (FEES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1983 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE.

THE NEW FEES ARE NOW \$20 PER DAY FOR A DOG, AND \$10 PER DAY FOR A CAT.

THE OLD RATE WAS \$10 PER DAY FOR A DOG OF MORE THAN 20 KILOGRAMS IN WEIGHT, AND \$8 PER DAY FOR A DOG OF LESS THAN 20 KILOGRAMS. THE PREVIOUS FEE FOR KEEPING A CAT IN QUARANTINE WAS \$4 PER DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE REVISION IN FEES WAS NECESSARY AS THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE SINCE 1974.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FEE FOR CLAIMING A STRAY DOG WHICH IS KEPT AT A GOVERNMENT KENNEL AFTER BEING CAUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CONTROL UNIT HAS BEEN SET AT A FLAT RATE OF \$145 FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME OF DETENTION.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1983 .

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF A MINIMUM OF THREE MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT ONE TIME AT HOURLY RATES TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS STARTING ON APRIL 1.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE OFFICERS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN THE WATERS OF THE TERRITORY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 400 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 800 HOURS.

TENDER FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, EMPIRE CENTRE, 3/F., TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, TEL : 3-7210057.

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SHAU KEI WAN WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 17) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE THOSE ALONG CHAI WAN ROAD, A KUNG NGAM ROAD, BASEL ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST, MING UN LANE, PO MAN STREET, ALDRICH STREET, AND THE WATERFRONT OF PO MAN STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

NORMAL SUPPLY WILL RESUME AT 6 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 18).

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